

## REEDBIRD SEASON OPENS TOMORROW

Sportsmen Will Invade  
Marshes, and Expect to  
Bag Much Game.

With the first peep of dawn tomorrow morning, the red and black bird season will be open to the pop-pop of some hundred or more shotguns in the hands of the Washington Nimrods.

While there may be some few who will take their chances along the District shore of the upper river, the majority will be found pumping away into the big flocks along the shores of the Eastern Branch.

The advance guards of the hunters have been out looking over the situation for the past week, and it is the consensus of opinion that this year the birds are more plentiful than they have been for eight or nine years. The oats are about ripe, and the heavy rains of last week have made the meadows, which are ordinarily above high water mark, exceptionally tempting to the elusive orlon which have made their appearance in quantities which should please even a pot hunter.

**Marshes Well Policed.**  
Another notable feature of this season's sport which will make for the joy of the gunner, is that the shores and marshes along both sides of the Branch have been better policed than ever before, and as a result there has been less shooting out of season. This, of course, makes the birds much less "scary."

Other conditions, too, make this year a banner one. Where there has been much trouble and hardship experienced in getting ducks or other boating accommodations, it is easy to pick good boats from one of the two or three well-kept houses which have been built in the last year. Several years ago it was well-nigh impossible to get a boat, and practically all of the season was done afoot, which, as is well known, is no child's play when the tide is in on the soft mud which covers that section of the shore where the birds gather.

**Ahead of Labor Day.**  
Labor Day, in previous years, has been the opening and big day, and for several days thereafter, it has been difficult to hunt without more or less danger of getting a few harmless but rather painful small shot wounds about the head and shoulders. This year, the holiday comes a week after the opening, and in that time the old sportsmen are hoping to make record kills.

**W. H. RAPLEY TALKS  
OF COPYRIGHT LAWS**  
Manager of National Theater Returns and Deplores New York Wrangle.

That there is a sore need for better copyright laws between nations is the opinion of William H. Rapley, owner of the National Theater, who returned to Washington last night from an all-summer trip abroad. He declares that if such a measure existed there would not be the present wrangle between Henry W. Savage and Harrison Grey Fiske over the production of "The Devil" in New York.

Mr. Rapley saw the play produced in Vienna and is very enthusiastic over it, declaring that it is the dramatic sensation of the season. He deplored the existing fight over the rights to the play and expressed the hope that the newly organized Association of Theatrical Producing Managers would adopt stringent methods to put an end to the strife. Mr. Rapley said that Washington will be one of the first cities outside of New York to see the play.

**STRUGGLE FOR RICHES  
DEPLORED BY PASTOR**  
Aged Norfolk Minister Preaches Forceful Sermon in Mt. Vernon M. E. Church.

The fatality of struggling after wealth and power was the subject of two sermons yesterday in the Mt. Vernon M. E. Church, by the Rev. William E. Judkins, seventy-nine years old, of Norfolk, Va.

He used as his text that verse from Paul's letter to the Corinthians which tells of the selfishly inordinate desire for "incorruptible, undefiled and fading not away."

Dr. Judkins is visiting local churches. He will leave for Norfolk tomorrow.

via \$2.50 to Annapolis and Return.  
via "The Electric Line." Visit the U. S. Naval Academy. See time schedule for trains—Advt.

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Large Golden Oak Dressers, with heavy oval shaped French plate mirrors, carved standards, four drawers, brass trimmings, and nice polish.

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## Business to Break High Record, Opinion of Western Observers

Expect Last Quarter of Year to Show Great Increase.  
Both West and South Glutted by Rich Crops.

ST. LOUIS, Aug. 31.—With absolutely no cloud visible on the commercial horizon and trade now as brisk as it was at this time a year ago, St. Louis merchants and manufacturers who supply the greater part of the middle and south West are confident that the volume of business between June 1 and December 31 will attain at least the same magnitude as that of the corresponding period of 1907, and probably will make a new high record for the last six months. The general expectations are that there will be only a slight difference between the whole of 1908 and 1907, and that this year will exhibit marked gains in all domains of commerce over 1906.

A conscientious survey of the situation, supported by interviews with successful men of affairs, discloses remarkable and gratifying invigoration. The current of business is not only moving with normal speed, but it is expansive, and even gives assurance of enlarged proportions. The commerce of the third quarter of this year—July, August, and September—will appraise up to that of the same period of 1907, and the trade of October, November, and December will be larger than for the final quarter of any year.

**Estimate Sustained.**  
Although this view of conditions may appear to be an exaggeration, particularly to workmen who are still idle and to business men who have not yet completely subdued their despondency, it is in strict accord with actualities, as reported fairly by the heads of important industrial and mercantile establishments. Trade has been increasing gradually since June 1, and at the present time it is not only normal, but is conducted more conservatively. It continues to improve from week to week, and offers substantial guarantees of permanence.

Comprehensive inquiry produced surprising revelations concerning the stagnation during the first half of the year. Every line of business felt severely the consequences of the panic and the depression, and the average decrease in trade for the six months of 1908 from January 2 to June 30, inclusive, ranged from 35 to 50 per cent, as compared to the first six months of 1907. The percentage of the decline was so great as to show a loss for 1908 as compared to 1907. It is practically impossible, with statistics incomplete, to give the exact percentage of the average decrease in business. Many branches of industry and commerce showed average decreases of no more than 10 per cent, while a few exhibited losses of 50 and 70 per cent. Two or three months showed alarming reductions, and the reports for other months indicated only slight losses.

The situation during eight months of this year, as compared to the corresponding period of 1907, may be illustrated best by stating the percentages for each month. Trade was about 80 per cent of normal in January, February, and March; about 40 per cent in April; about 60 per cent in May; about 75 per cent in June; about 85 per cent in July, and 100 per cent, or normal, in August.

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**MINERS' DEATH RATE  
LOWERED ABROAD**  
Douglas Says United States Has Much to Learn About Saving Lives.

According to a statement made today by Representative Albert Douglas, who stopped in Washington on his return to his home, after a two months' trip to Europe, the United States has much to learn from Wales and Belgium in respect to safeguarding the lives of miners, and, in fact, from the complete system in vogue there.

"We can learn a good deal from these countries," he said, "especially concerning the prevention of accidents and waste. The laws which regulate these matters pertain not only to the actions of miners while at work, but also to the methods of the operators. Under the administration of Chief Inspector of Mines Victor Watteyne, of Belgium, the death rate from accidents has been reduced from 1.5 in 1,000 to 1 in 1,000."

"Against the loss of from 25 to 30 per cent waste in this country, the maximum abroad is not more than 10 per cent."

Egg, Scove, and Chestnut Coal, \$6.75 Ton. Other coals at lowest prices. Phone Lincoln 223. R. J. & M. C. Grace, 4th and F sts. ne.—Advt.

## SUBSTATION SITE WILL BE PICKED

Return of Commissioner  
Macfarland to Settle Location of Depot.

With the return of Commissioner Macfarland tomorrow, the question of the location of a substation in Southwest Washington will be definitely determined, as far as the Commissioners are concerned.

If he agrees with Major Morrow as to the Fourteenth street site, the station will, according to officials of the Engineer Department, be erected at that point before the assembling of Congress. If, however, he votes with Commissioner West to locate the station between Four-and-a-half and Seventh streets, the probability is that the railroad company will bring the matter before the court, and endeavor by mandamus proceedings to compel the Commissioners to approve the Fourteenth street site.

Commissioner West today received from a number of citizens of the southwest the following letter in advocacy of the site between Four-and-a-half and Seventh streets:

"The undersigned property owners of the southwest heartily commend the stand you have taken in regard to the substation."

"It is the opinion of nearly every property owner and resident of this section that the site between Four-and-a-half and Seventh streets is the proper one, being convenient to either of the principal car lines of the city, also within short walking distance of the shopping districts and hotels."

The letter is signed by Thomas B. Brown, W. L. Cogswell, R. O. Neill, Francis Leonard, and Rudolph Saur. T. T. Gover, a grocer of Seventh and C streets southwest, in a letter to Commissioner West, says every business in that neighborhood is in favor of the location of the station between Four-and-a-half and Seventh streets.

**USING HIS OLD CLOTHES.**  
"Yes, he is a gentleman of the old school."

"Lives the ancient customs best?"  
"No, but he is stocked up on clothes to fit them and can't afford new ones."

Exchange.

**Four Hours' Sail on Cool Chesapeake**  
Say four days a week, \$1.00 round trip. See ticket agent "The Electric Line," 14th and New York ave.—Advt.

**Women's New Fall Boots**..... \$3 to \$5  
New Tans—with plain toes or the new shield-shaped, perforated tips—some with cloth or suede tops. In Button Laced, Blucher, or Combination Blucher and Buckle styles—some extra high-cut with "Wave" tops.

New Patent Kid Dress Boots—with brown, blue, white, or gray cloth suede or calf tops. New Patent Colt or Demi Colt Walking Boots, with shield tips or plain toes.

**Men's \$3.50 to \$5.00** \$2.35  
Finest Low Shoes.....  
All our finest Patent Kid and Patent Colt Laced and Blucher Oxfords—all our Tan, Black, and Patent Leather Button or Buckle Oxfords; values up to \$5 and \$7, at a price that will scarcely ever be duplicated again—\$2.35.

**Special Reduced Prices for This Week**

Boys' and Girls' Tan Kid spring heel, hand-turn button or laced boots. Sizes to 8 48c This week..... 39c

Women's \$1.50 grade pretty White Blucher Ties; wood or leather heels. This week..... 79c

Women's best \$2 grade soft kid turn or Mocay Blucher Oxfords; 10 kinds. This week..... \$1.39

Remnants of Women's \$3.50 to \$5 Tan and Brown Buckle Pump, Colonial and Oxford styles. This store..... \$1.39

All our best Women's Tan, Brown and Campaign Low Shoes; many hand-some styles..... \$2.19

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## DEAD MAN'S FATHER WILL CLAIM BODY

Private in Marine Corps Dies in Bed by Accidental Asphyxiation.

Alton Fartell, a private in the Marine Corps, twenty-six years old, died yesterday from accidental asphyxiation at his room at 1908 H street northwest. The father of the dead soldier, a cashier in a New Jersey bank, has been notified, and it is expected that he will come to Washington to accompany the body home.

Persons in the house smelled gas about 9 o'clock in the morning and unable to arouse Fartell they broke in the door and found the man dead in his bed. It is presumed that a small cork in the gas main which fed a heating stove became turned and escaped so slowly that the fumes did not begin their deadly work until the man was asleep. Coroner Nevitt issued a certificate of accidental death and the body was taken to the rooms of Undertaker Scott, of 408 Eighth street southeast, to be prepared for burial.

**BLIND WORKMAN  
STRICKEN DEAD**  
Aged Foreman of a Broom Shop Succumbs to Attack of Heart Failure.

John T. Gibbons, the aged foreman of the broom shop at the Aid Association for the Blind, died yesterday from heart failure. The man was stricken suddenly while on his way to his room after breakfast.

Gibbons had been foreman of the shop for seven years, and despite the handicap of his blindness, was an excellent workman. For a number of years prior to coming to Washington he was an instructor at the colored school for the blind in Baltimore.

An effort will be made to locate the friends or relatives of the man. If this is unsuccessful he will be buried in a lot at Glenwood Cemetery owned by the association.

**Invites to Baltimore and Return**  
every day via "The Electric Line." "Twilight" excursions \$1.00 round trip, 4 p. m. returning up to midnight, Saturday and Sunday excepted. See time schedule—Advt.

**"WIMMO-DAU-SIS" \$3.00**  
Women's Boots.....  
The best Shoe at its price in the world for Wives, Mothers, Daughters, and Sisters. Comes in sufficient variety of handsome new styles to suit women of every taste. BETTER THAN EVER THIS SEASON! "Feel like old shoes at the start." "Perfectly hold their shape till worn out." 75 styles—all leathers—all \$3.

**Women's "PRIME" \$1.95**  
\$2.50 Grade Boots.....  
They're stylish, they're trim fitting, and they give exceptionally good wear. Made of excellent grades of kid and gun metal calf—in 18 blucher, button, or laced styles—medium or heavy soles.

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## PASTOR IS CALLED TO NEW MEXICO

The Rev. W. C. Alexander, Presbyterian Preacher, Leaves in October for Roswell.

The Rev. W. C. Alexander, pastor of the West Street Presbyterian Church, has accepted a call to the First Presbyterian Church of Roswell, N. M., and has tendered his resignation to that parish. Dr. Alexander is one of the oldest, and has just completed fifteen years of service at the church which he is to leave. Dr. Alexander's wife and son will accompany him to his new field, for which he will depart about the first of October.

**INVITE SPEAKERS  
FOR LABOR DAY**  
Army and Navy Union Fixes Upon List of Orators for Reunion.

At a meeting of committees from six garrisons of the local Army and Navy Union to perfect arrangements for the coming reunion, which is to be held in G. A. R. Hall, Labor Day, a list of speakers was agreed upon, and a letter was sent to Baltimore inviting the national officers to attend.

Another meeting of the joint committees will be held next Sunday night.

**CLOTHING STORE BURNS.**  
Fire damage to the extent of \$100 and the loss of \$3,000 worth of stock resulted from a lively blaze in the clothing store of Benjamin Perman and P. Goldstein, 630 Four-and-a-half street southwest last night. The origin of the fire is unknown.

**STEAMER FIREMAN  
SMUGGLES OPIUM**  
Brings in Drug in Special Constructed Vest Worn Next to Skin.

SEATTLE, Wash., Aug. 31 The United States customs officers have come upon information which they assert, will greatly aid them in investigating smuggling.

Their find came about in the arrest of a fireman, James Murphy, on board the steamship President. Another fireman notified the authorities that Murphy had been smuggling opium into the country. He was watched, but the officers of the customs service were unable to find any evidence against him. Finally, upon the strength of the accusation against him, he was arrested by Inspector McArthur. When he was searched, he was found to be wearing an especially constructed vest adapted to the uses of smuggling.

It was worn next to the skin and so designed that the opium could be spread about in it without giving a bulky appearance. The customs officers are seriously considering a more searching investigation into the clothing worn by the men employed on steamships plying between Seattle and British Columbia.

**Baltimore and Ohio Excursion.**  
\$1.00 to Harpers Ferry and Martinsburg, \$1.25 to Berkeley Springs, \$3.00 to Cumberland and return. Special train leaves Union Station 8:15 a. m., Sunday, September 6.

Swift & Co.'s sales of Fresh Beef in Washington for the week ending Saturday, Aug. 29, averaged 6.99 cents per lb.—Advt.

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TAPESTRIES and PORTIERES  
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We've never had so good a lot. Qualities were never so good—prices were never so low. It is just the season, too, when pieces of tapestries are required for reupholstering furniture so as to have it ready for fall. There is everything one could possibly want for such purposes, and colorings are both light and dark, in truly wonderfully beautiful patterns. Some of the design work looks much like hand-embroidered work and show the result of master minds.

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**Worth a strip. \$4.00 \$5.00 \$8.00 \$10.00**

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